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	2	1,088,393	02/24/1914	Backus
	3	1,331,401	02/17/1920	Summers
	4	2,087,074	07/13/1937	Tucker
	5	2,453,227	11/09/1948	James
	6	2,684,070	07/20/1954	Kelsey
	7	2,944,311	07/12/1960	Schneckenberger
	8	2,969,887	01/31/1961	Darmstadt et al.
	9	3,015,403	01/02/1962	Fuller
	10	3,142,878	08/04/1967	Santora
	11	3,482,428	12/09/1969	Kapitanov et al.
	12	3,586,002	06/22/1971	Wood

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	13	3,604,425	09/14/1971	Le Roy
	14	3,677,243	09/24/1971	Nerz
	15	3,757,629	09/11/1973	Schneider
	16	3,805,337	04/23/1974	Branstetter
	17	3,944,114	03/16/1976	Coppens
	18	4,014,492	03/29/1977	Rothfuss
	19	4,192,315	03/11/1980	Hilzinger et al.
	20	4,207,870	06/17/1980	Eldridge
	21	4,217,902	08/19/1980	March
	22	4,278,091	07/14/1981	Borzone
	23	4,318,401	03/09/1982	Zimmerman
	24	4,345,606	08/24/1982	Littleford
	25	4,396,139	08/02/1983	Hall et al.
	26	4,411,654	10/25/1983	Boarini et al.

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	28	4,428,376	01/31/1984	Mericle
	29	4,485,816	12/04/1984	Krumme
	30	4,505,273	03/19/1985	Braun et al.
	31	4,523,695	06/18/1985	Braun et al.
	32	4,525,157	06/25/1985	Valaincourt
	33	4,607,638	08/26/1986	Crainich
	34	4,610,251	09/09/1986	Kumar
	35	4,610,252	09/09/1986	Catalano
	36	4,665,906	05/19/1987	Jervis
	37	4,724,840	02/16/1988	McVay et al
	38	4,738,658	04/19/1988	Magro et al.
	39	4,744,364	05/17/1988	Kensey
	40	4,771,782	09/20/1988	Millar

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	42	4,832,688	05/23/1989	Sagae et al.
	43	4,836,204	06/06/1989	Landymore et al.
	44	4,852,568	08/01/1989	Kensey
	45	4,874,122	10/17/1989	Froelich et al.
	46	4,878,915	11/07/1989	Brantigan
	47	4,887,601	12/19/1989	Richards
	48	4,934,364	06/19/1990	Green
	49	5,015,247	05/14/1991	Michelson
	50	5,021,059	06/04/1991	Kensey et al.
	51	5,061,274	10/29/1991	Kensey
	52	5,100,418	03/31/1992	Yoon et al.
	53	5,108,421	04/28/1992	Fowler
	54	5,114,032	05/19/1992	Laidlaw

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	56	5,131,379	07/21/1992	Sewell, Jr.
	57	5,147,381	09/15/1992	Heimerl et al.
	58	5,167,634	12/01/1992	Corrigan, Jr. et al.
	59	5,171,249	12/15/1992	Stefanchik et al.
	60	5,192,300	03/09/1993	Fowler
	61	5,192,301	03/09/1993	Kamiya et al.
	62	5,209,756	05/11/1993	Seedhorm et al.
	63	5,243,857	02/28/1995	Velez
	64	5,246,156	09/21/1993	Rothfuss et al.
	65	5,246,443	09/21/1993	Mai
	66	5,290,243	03/01/1994	Chodorow et al.
	67	5,290,310	03/01/1994	Makower et al.
	68	5,292,309	03/08/1994	Van Tassel et al.

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	69	5,292,332	03/08/1994	Lee
	70	5,306,254	04/26/1994	Nash et al.
	71	5,320,639	06/14/1994	Rudnick
	72	5,334,216	08/02/1994	Vidal et al.
	73	5,350,399	09/27/1994	Erlebacher et al.
	74	5,352,229	10/04/1994	Goble et al.
	75	5,366,479	11/22/1994	McGarry et al.
	76	5,392,978	02/28/1995	Valez et al.
	77	5,395,030	03/07/1995	Kuramoto et al.
	78	5,411,520	05/02/1995	Nash et al.
	79	5,413,571	05/09/1995	Katsaros et al.
	80	5,413,584	05/09/1995	Schulze
	81	5,416,584	05/16/1995	Kay
	82	5,417,699	05/23/1995	Klein et al.

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	83	5,423,857	06/13/1995	Rosenman et al.
	84	5,431,639	07/11/1995	Shaw
	85	5,443,481	08/22/1995	Lee
	86	5,456,400	10/10/1995	Shichman et al.
	87	5,470,010	11/28/1995	Rothfuss et al.
	88	5,474,557	12/12/1995	Mai
	89	5,478,352	12/26/1995	Fowler
	90	5,478,353	07/18/1994	Yoon et al.
	91	5,486,195	01/23/1996	Myers et al.
	92	5,507,755	04/16/1996	Gresl et al.
	93	5,522,840	06/04/1996	Krajicek
	94	5,536,251	07/16/1996	Evard et al.
	95	5,544,802	08/13/1996	Crainich
	96	5,560,532	10/01/1996	DeFonzo et al.

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	97	5,591,205	01/07/1997	Fowler
	98	5,601,602	02/11/1997	Fowler
	99	5,620,461	04/15/1997	Muijs et al.
	100	5,643,318	07/01/1997	Tsukernik et al.
	101	5,645,565	07/08/1997	Rudd et al.
	102	5,645,566	07/08/1997	Brenneman et al.
	103	5,645,567	07/08/1997	Crainich
	104	5,676,689	10/14/1997	Kensey et al.
	105	5,676,974	10/14/1997	Valdes et al.
	106	5,690,674	11/25/1997	Diaz
	107	5,695,504	12/09/1997	Gifford, III et al.
	108	5,716,375	02/10/1998	Fowler
	109	5,725,554	03/10/1998	Simon et al.
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	111	5,728,122	03/17/1998	Leschinsky et al.
	112	5,728,132	03/17/1998	Van Tassel et al.
	113	5,732,872	03/31/1998	Bolduc et al.
	114	5,810,776	09/22/1998	Bacich et al.
	115	5,855,312	01/05/1999	Toledano
	116	5,861,005	01/19/1999	Kontos
	117	5,871,474	02/16/1999	Hermann et al.
	118	5,871,501	02/16/1999	Leschinsky et al.
	119	5,871,525	02/16/1999	Edwards et al.
	120	5,902,310	05/11/1999	Foerster et al.
	121	5,904,697	05/18/1999	Gifford, III et al.
	122	5,935,147	08/10/1999	Kensey et al.
	123	5,941,890	08/24/1999	Voegele et al.
	124	5,984,949	11/16/1999	Levin

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	126	6,004,341	12/21/1999	Zhu et al.
	127	6,022,372	02/08/2000	Kontos
	128	6,030,364	02/29/2000	Durgin et al.
	129	6,048,358	04/11/2000	Barak
	130	6,056,768	05/02/2000	Cates et al.
	131	6,090,130	07/18/2000	Nash et al.
	132	6,110,184	08/29/2000	Weadock
	133	6,117,148	09/12/2000	Ravo
	134	6,149,660	11/21/2000	Laufer et al.
	135	6,149,667	11/21/2000	Hovland et al.
	136	6,197,042	03/06/2001	Ginn et al.
	137	6,277,140	08/21/2001	Ginn et al.
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	140	6,322,580	11/27/2001	Kanner
	141	6,334,865	01/01/2002	Redmond et al.
	142	6,348,064	02/19/2002	Kanner
	143	6,391,048	05/21/2002	Ginn et al.
	144	6,398,752	06/04/2002	Sweezer et al.
	145	6,402,765	06/11/2002	Monassevitch et al.
	146	6,409,739	06/25/2002	Nobles et al.
	147	6,428,548	08/06/2002	Durgin et al.
	148	6,443,158	09/03/2002	Lafontaine et al.
	149	6,450,391	09/17/2002	Kayan et al.
	150	6,461,364	10/08/2002	Ginn et al.
	151	6,488,692	12/03/2002	Spence et al.
	152	6,506,210	01/14/2003	Kanner

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	154	6,547,806	04/15/2003	Ding
	155	6,582,452	06/24/2003	Coleman et al.
	156	6,602,263	08/05/2003	Swanson et al.
	157	6,616,686	09/09/2003	Coleman et al.
	158	6,623,510	09/23/2003	Carley et al.
	159	6,626,918	09/30/2003	Ginn et al.
	160	6,632,238	10/14/2003	Ginn et al.
	161	6,634,537	10/21/2003	Chen
	162	6,645,205	11/11/2003	Ginn
	163	6,652,538	11/25/2003	Kayan et al.
	164	6,669,714	12/30/2003	Coleman et al.
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	168	6,726,704	04/27/2004	Loshakove et al.
	169	6,749,621	06/15/2004	Pantages et al.
	170	6,755,842	06/29/2004	Kanner et al.
	171	6,767,356	07/27/2004	Kanner et al.
	172	6,780,197	02/21/2002	Carley et al.
	173	6,926,731	08/09/2005	Coleman et al.
	174	6,942,674	09/13/2005	Belef et al.
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	177	7,111,768	09/26/2006	Cummins et al.
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	182	2001/0031972	10/18/2001	Robertson et al.
	183	2001/0047180	11/29/2001	Grudem et al.
	184	2002/0026208	02/28/2002	Belef
	185	2002/0026215	02/28/2002	Redmond et al.
	186	2002/0049427	04/25/2002	Wiener et al.
	187	2002/0049472	04/25/2002	Coleman et al.
	188	2002/0072768	06/13/2002	Ginn
	189	2002/0077657	06/20/2002	Ginn et al.
	190	2002/0082641	06/27/2002	Ginn et al.
	191	2002/0107542	08/08/2002	Kanner et al.
	192	2002/0133193	09/19/2002	Ginn et al.
	193	2002/0151921	10/17/2002	Kanner et al.
	194	2002/0193808	12/19/2002	Belef et al.

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	196	2003/0009180	01/09/2003	Hinchliffe et al.
	197	2003/0078598	04/24/2003	Ginn et al.
	198	2003/0093096	05/15/2003	McGuckin et al.
	199	2003/0097140	05/22/2003	Kanner
	200	2003/0109890	06/12/2003	Kanner et al.
	201	2003/0125766	07/03/2003	Ding
	202	2003/0158577	08/21/2003	Pantages et al.
	203	2003/0158578	08/21/2003	Pantages et al.
	204	2003/0195561	10/16/2003	Carley et al.
	205	2004/0009289	01/15/2004	Carley et al.
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	207	2004/0039414	02/26/2004	Carley et al.
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